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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1945

of

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including the report of the

SANITARY INSPECTOR.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Owing to the untimely passing of Dr. Carpenter, your Medical Officer of Health, before the completion of this report I have the honour to submit to you a much curtailed Annual Report for the year 1945.

The birth rate was higher, the death rate lower and the infantile mortality rate much lower than for 1944. This low rate for deaths of infants under one year, 13.3 per 1000 live births, compared with the rate of 46 for England and Wales is very gratifying as is also the very small number of notifications of infectious diseases.

There is no matter to which I wish to draw your attention except to the small percentage of children under five years who have been immunised against diphtheria.

Your obedient servant,

W.S. WALLACE. M.C., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS GENERAL.

Area in acres	3562
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1945)	2067
Rateable value	£61,362
Sum represented by 1d rate	£213.4.4.
Population-Registrar General's estimate	5150
Live birth- rate per 1000 of estimated resident population	14.6
Live birth- rate 1000 of England & Wales	16.1
Stillbirths - rate per 1000 live & stillbirths	38.5
Deaths - Crude death rate per 1000 of estimated resident population	15.9
Rate for England & Wales	11.4
Deaths from puerperal causes	Nil

STATISTICS (CONTD)

	Male	Female
Deaths (contd) Deaths of infants under one year of age - Legitimate	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-

Death rate of infants under one year of age per 1000 live births - 13.3

Death rate of legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births - 16.7

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Information regarding such services was fully set out in 1938 report. There are no changes to record.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES
(Excluding non-Civilians)

DISEASE	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED	CASES ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL	TOTAL DEATHS
Paratyphoid B	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-
Diphtheria	1	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Opthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-
Measles	13	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningitis	-	-	-
Erysipelas	2	-	-
Totals	18	1	-

	Para-typh-oid.	Scarl. Fev.	Oph. Neon.	Dip.	Pneu-monia	Poli-omyl-itis.	Measles.	Whpg. C.	Erysip-elas.	Peur. Pyrex
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1 under 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 do. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
3 do. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
4 do. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 do. 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-
10 do. 15	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
15 do. 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
20 do. 35	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
35 do. 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 do. 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
65 do. over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	2	-	1	-	-	13	-	2	-

DIPHTHERIA PROPHYLAXIS

	Urban District - Age under 5 yrs.	VENTNOR. 5 - 15.
The percentage of the child population it is considered were immunised at 3.12.45. (This estimate includes so far as can be assessed, children immunised in the Authority's area by private arrangements and children who have come into the area after being immunised eslewhere).	29.6%	69.7%

NON-NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

From the weekly returns of head teachers -

Mumps	-
German measles	-
Chicken pox	24
Ringworm	-
Influenza and Influezal colds	21
Impetigo	2
Scabies	-
Jaundice	13
	60

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age periods	Total	New Cases Pul. M	New Cases Pul. F	Non-Pul M	Non-Pul F	Total	Deaths Pul M	Deaths Pul F	Non-Pul. M	Non-Pul. F
0 & under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 do 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 do 10	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
10 do 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 do 20	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 do 25	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 do 35	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 do 45	4	4	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-
45 do 55	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 do 65	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	X 20	8	10	1	1	2	1	1	-	-

X This number includes 6 transfers from the mainland and one old case left the Island and returned.

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WATER

The water supply to the area is derived from three sources, viz-

(a) The Wroxall-Ventnor railway tunnel originating from the downland catchment area.
(b) An adit leading into a well below the pumping station.
(c) A heading into St. Martin's Down for the supply of the Wroxall district.

Supplies are used also from the St. Lawrence springs by purchase from the Rural District Council and a supplementary source from Wroxall by payment to Shanklin U.D.C.

The quantity of water available has been adequate for most months of the year but a deficiency in the rainfall during the last and previous winters resulted in a shortage of supply for part of the summer period.

The purity of these supplies is beyond reproach but the physical properties fall short of excellence by reason of the high sileceous content. During the year the number of samples examined was:-

Chemical Nil
Bacteriological 7.

Details of the undertaking have been given to the Ministry of Health with the intention of providing data for a report on the Island's resources. It is believed that this report will be published in the later part of 1946. Meanwhile, various expedients have been suggested by the Water Engineer with a view to improving the supply position.

HOUSING

Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year.

1. (a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under P.H. or Housing Acts)	102
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	130
2. (a)	Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidating Regulations 1925-32	Nil
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	Nil
3.	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
4.	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	102

Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices

Number of defective houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority of their Officers	102

HOUSING (CONTD)

Inspection under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(a) Proceedings under sections 9,10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936.

1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs — Nil
2. Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices (a) by owners — Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners — Nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. — Nil
2. Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices - (a) by owners — Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners — Nil

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of Hsg. Act 1936.

1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. — Nil
2. Number of houses demolished in pursuance of demolition Orders — Nil

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Hsg. Act 1936.

1. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made — Nil
2. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or rooms having been rendered fit. — Nil

VISITS & INSPECTIONS

Houses, Public Health Act	102
Slaughterhouses	211
Butchers shops	299
Other food premises	344
Bakehouses	72
Cowsheds	69
Dairies	66
Fish shops	49
Fried fish shops	26
Drains inspected	89
" tested	23
Revisits to property under notice	130
Public conveniences	63
Air raid shelters	59
Factory & workshops	121
Interviews with owners and others	98
Complaints	95
Pigsties and stables	50
Miscellaneous	98
Infectious diseases	6
Fumigations	59
Water samples	7
Effluent samples	1
Total	2137

SUMMARY OF SANITARY WORK CARRIED OUT.

Roofs repaired	9
Dampness remedied	6
Floors repaired	8
Window sashes repaired	4
" sash cords renewed	6
Doors repaired or renewed	2
Grates do.	6
Air bricks fitted	1
Copper furnaces repaired	-
Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	3
Eaves gutters & down spouts do.	2
Chimney pots renewed	3
" stacks pointed	3
Drains repaired and cleansed	23
New sanitary bins supplied	-
Asbestos water service pipes repaired or renewed	3
Renew W.C. pans	5
" " seats	5
Soil pipes repaired	3
Ventilation	1
New gratings to gullies	-
Ceilings and walls repaired	10
do cleansed and redecorated	12
Stairs repaired	3
New sinks	2
Yard paving repaired	2
Inspection chambers built	2

STATEMENT OF MEAT CONDEMNED 1944

	Cattle Excl. cows.	Cows.	Calves	Sheep & lambs	Pigs
Number killed if known	-	-	-	-	5281
Numbers inspected	-	-	-	-	5200
All disease except T.B. whole carcases condmd.	-	-	-	-	4
" pt. of organ condmd.	-	-	-	-	130
T.B. only whole carcases condmd.	-	-	-	-	3
Carcases of which some part of organ was condmnd.	-	-	-	-	296

SUMMARY OF MEAT & FOOD CONDEMNED 1945

Pigs carcases	7
Pigs heads	176
Pigs plucks	410
Bacon	14 lbs.

Total weight of meat condemned 6159 lbs.

FISH

4 stone	cod
10 "	plaice

VARIOUS FOODS.

Corned beef	246 lbs.
Luncheon pork	10 "
Chopped ham	160 "
Dates-mouldy and worms	72 "
Butter - rancid	73 "
Pilchards	30 tins
Salmon	36 "
Soup	3 "
Mackerell	4 "
Crayfish	2 "
Peas	2 "
Semolina	14 lbs.
Sun flour	40 "
Oatmeal	12 "
Cocoa	2 packets
Evap. milk	14 tins
Nestles "	2 "
Skinned	1 "
Biscuits	27 "
Wafer oats	1 cwt.
Rice	7 lbs.
Sardines	66 tins
Mixed veg.	1 "
Baked beans	1 "
Sausage rusks	4 cwt
Cheese	28 lbs.
Custard powder	6 "